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Statistician	J. L. Dearing.
Preacher	G. W. Taft.
Alternate	T. E. Shoemaker.

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On Bible Revision	T. P. Poate, A. A. Bennett, C. K. Harrington, F. G. Harrington, E. H. Jones.
,, Bible Women's Work	Miss A. H. Kidder, Miss H. M. Browne, Miss N. J. Wilson.
,, Boys' School	G.W. Taft, F.G. Harrington, J.L. Dearing.
,, Erection of Church Buildings	T. P. Poate, G. W. Taft, R. A. Thomson.
,, Girls' Schools	Miss A. H. Kidder, Miss C. A. Converse, Miss O. M. Blunt, Miss L. Mead.
,, Hymn Book	R.A. Thomson, A.A. Bennett, Mrs. Sharland, Miss M. A. Whitman, Miss L. Mead.
,, Methods of Work (app'd in November, 1889)	E.H. Jones, A.A. Bennett, F.G. Harrington.
,, Outline of Study for Evangelists	G. W. Taft, F. G. Harrington, C. H. D. Fisher.
,, Publication	J. L. Dearing, R. L. Halsey, E. H. Jones, T. P. Poate, F. G. Harrington.
,, Recommendation of Men to the Home Board.	C. H. D. Fisher, E. H. Jones, H. H. Rhees, D.D.
,, Reenforcements	S. W. Hamblen, J. C. Brand, R. A. Thomson, Miss M. A. Whitman, Miss E. R. Church.
,, Removal of Theological School	C. K. Harrington, F. G. Harrington, G. W. Taft.
,, Salaries of Missionaries	J. L. Dearing, R. A. Thomson, E. H. Jones.
,, Salaries of Native Helpers	E. H. Jones, C. H. D. Fisher, A. A. Bennett, Miss A. H. Kidder, Mrs. J. C. Brand.
,, Sunday Schools	Miss M. A. Whitman, Miss E. R. Church, Mrs. C. H. D. Fisher.
Board of Management of the Theological School	C. H. D. Fisher, R. A. Thomson, S. W. Hamblen, A. A. Bennett, C. K. Harrington, F. G. Harrington.

The next Conference will meet in Kobe, Wednesday, April 5th, 1893.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

AS ADOPTED AT KOBE,

DECEMBER 29, 1890.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.—This Conference shall be called the Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union of Japan.

ARTICLE I.—The officers of the Conference shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Executive Committee of three Members, one of whom shall be the Secretary. They shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Meeting, and their term of office shall be for one year or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE II.—Any missionary registered under the American Baptist Missionary Union may become a member of this Conference.

ARTICLE III.—The Annual Meeting for hearing reports, for the election of officers, and for the transaction of business shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference at the preceding Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—In all cases directly effecting their work the female missionaries shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE V.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the formal meetings of the Conference, and to send a copy of such record to the Foreign Secretary; to preserve on file all documents, and to keep a copy of the same for the mission file; he shall also send a brief statement of contents or extracts from all important letters received from the Foreign Secretary to each member of the Conference. The Secretary shall be ex-officio the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to receive and arrange the order of business for the annual meeting. All business shall be presented in writing to the Committee not later than one week before the first business session; business not so presented may be admitted on vote of the Conference.

The completed order of business shall be reported to the Conference for adoption at its first business session. In case of an emergency the executive Committee shall be empowered to call as pecial meeting of the Conference after obtaining consent by letter of a majority of the members, they shall also be empowered to change the time and place of the Annual Meeting, provided that two thirds of the members of the Conference give their consent to such a change. In case of a special meeting, or of a change in time or place of the Annual Meeting, notice must be sent to each member twenty days previous, of the time and place of said meeting.

ARTICLE VII.—The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—All Sessions shall be opened with Devotional Exercises ; the President to appoint a leader for such meeting.

ARTICLE II.—Near the Commencement of each Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE III.—In all cases of questions concerning parliamentary usage the ruling shall be according to *Roberts Rules of Order.*

ARTICLE IV.—At each Annual Meeting one of the members shall be chosen to preach a Sermon at the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V.—All Committees shall have power to fill vacancies in their number ; such appointees shall be members of the Committee until the next regular meeting of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI.—All Committees shall report in writing.

ARTICLE VII.—No person shall be elected President, or preach the Annual Sermon, for two successive years.

ARTICLE VIII.—There shall be an annual tax of fifty *sen* per year levied upon each member ; the same to be used for defraying the incidental expenses of the Conference.

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION IN JAPAN,

CONVENED IN YOKOHAMA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1892.

The Conference was called to order at 9.30 A.M. by Vice President BENNETT. After devotional exercises led by J. L. Dearing the meeting was declared open for business.

The Minutes of the preceding Conference were adopted as printed.

The Order of Business presented by the Executive Committee was approved.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the Vice President as follows:—E. H. JONES. T. P. POATE. R. A. THOMSON.

The Conference then listened to the Annual Sermon preached by Rev. J. C. BRAND from the words, "Now then we are embassadors for Christ," (II Cor. 5 : 20) his theme being, "Christians, Christ's Representatives."

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the following Officers elected :—

President	C. H. D. FISHER.
Vice President	C. K. HARRINGTON.
Secretary	S. W. HAMBLEN.
Executive Committee	F. G. HARRINGTON.
	G. W. TAFT.
	S. W. HAMBLEN.
Statistician	J. L. DEARING.
Preacher of Sermon	G. W. TAFT.
Alternate	T. E. SHOEMAKER.

The Secretary was requested to report the proceedings of the Conference for the *Japan Mail* and the *Japan Gazette*.

Voted,—That visiting brethren be invited to a seat with us and to a participation in our deliberations.

The Secretary reported that the Executive Committee in Boston had approved of the appointment of C. H. D. Fisher, E. H. Jones and H. H. Rhees D.D. as a Committee on the Examination and Recommendation of Men to the Home Board and of the appointment of F. G. Harrington, R. L. Halsey and S. W. Hamblen to act with the Faculty of the Theological School as a Board of Management of the School.

The following committees were appointed to report, during the sessions of the Conference, upon the matters assigned them :—

T. P. Poate, G. W. Taft, and R. A. Thomson, to investigate and report upon the advisability of the Missionaries securing funds for the erection of church buildings.

E. H. Jones, C. H. D. Fisher, A. A. Bennett, Miss A. H. Kidder, and Mrs. J. C. Brand, to present a schedule of salaries for native workers and recommendations regarding the travelling expenses of the same.

R. A. Thomson, J. L. Dearing, and E. H. Jones, to report upon the advisability of establishing a girls' school in Himeji and erecting buildings for the same.—The name of Miss C. A. Converse was afterward substituted for that of J. L. Dearing on this committee.

Miss A. H. KIDDER, Mrs. J. C. BRAND and Miss L. MEAD, to report upon the Bible Women's work for the year just closing.

The Conference then turned to the reports of the various committees.

The report of the Publication Committee was presented by J. L. DEARING. The following is a summary :—

The Executive Committee in Boston has appropriated $500 Mex. for the publication of denominational books and tracts. Several works, among which may be mentioned "A Tract for Those Desiring to Unite with the Church," by Mr. BENNETT; a translation of VEDDER's "Short History of the Baptists," by Mr. F. G. HARRINGTON; a "Catechism for Sunday Schools," by Mr. DEARING; and several of the American Baptist Publication Society's tracts on "Baptism" are under way and will soon be published. In view of the small amount of denominational literature in Japanese, the Committee would urge everyone to aid in furnishing original or translated Mss. for publication and bespeak the co-operation of all, that the work of the committee may assume something of the nature of a Baptist Tract and Book Repository.

The report was accepted and the committee continued with the substitution of the name of T. P. POATE for that of A. A. BENNETT.

The report of the Committee on Bible Revision was presented by T. P. POATE. The following is a summary :—

The work of revision is making fair progress. The Chairman has prepared for submission to the Committee a draft of the two Gospels, Matthew and Mark, to the first of which he has also affixed references. Twelve chapters of Matthew have been revised and it is hoped that this Gospel will be ready for publication next month.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

At 12 M., adjourned till 2 P. M., with prayer by DAVID DOWNIE D.D., of Nellore, India.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION began at the appointed time with devotional exercises led by W. B. PARSHLEY.

The following resolutions here presented by A. A. BENNETT, were adopted :—

Resolved,—That we reiterate our request to the Home Board to have all publication work done in the name of our mission passed over to the Publication Committee, and that Bro. BENNETT be authorized to pass over to that committee the money now in his hands for Bibles and Hymn Books.

Resolved,—Moveover, that we request a special appropriation of two thousand dollars for the publication of Testaments and Scripture Portions.

It was further

Resolved,—That five hundred copies of the present Kana Majiri edition of Dr. BROWN'S version of the Japanese New Testament be published.

The report of the Hymn Book Committee was presented by R. A. THOMSON. The following is a summary :—

The work on the Hymn Book has been progressing in accordance with the plan adopted and put into the hands of the members of the Conference in a printed form. The book was thought nearly ready for publication but some changes are to be made which will necessitate delay. It is hoped however that it-will be published before the next Annual Conference.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The report of the Committee on a Boys' School was presented by J. L. DEARING, as follows :—

Your Committee has little to report beyond strong encouragement that the school will ultimately be established.

The report was accepted and the committee continued with the substitution of the name of G. W. TAFT for that of E. W. CLEMENT.

The report of the Committee on an Outline of Study for Evangelists was presented by G. W. TAFT, as follows :—

Your Committee report progress in the work of translation and ask to be continued.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

Voted,—That side Kana be added to all books published in connection with the Outline of Study for Evangelists.

The report of the Committee on an Appeal for more Men was presented by A. A. BENNETT as follows :—

Your Committee on an Appeal for more Men would report that the appeals as read to and approved by the last Conference were printed and extensively circulated, both in the home-land and elsewhere, and they request that the committee be discharged.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The report of the Committee on the Removal of the Theological School was presented by C. K. HARRINGTON as follows :—

Your Committee would report that nothing has transpired calling for action on its part.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

At 4.30 P.M. adjourned till 9.30 A.M., April 7th after prayer by W. B. PARSHLEY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH.

The Conference met at 9.30 A. M. Devotional exercises were led by A. A. BENNETT.

The following committees were appointed to report during the sessions of the Conference, upon the matters assigned them :—

R. A. THOMSON, J. L. DEARING and W. B. BARSHLEY, to present some plan looking toward the equalization of the burden of conference expenses.

R. A. THOMSON, E. H. JONES and J. L. DEARING to

present recommendations regarding the time and the place of the next Annual Conference.

The Conference then listened to a Historical Sketch of the Yokohama Baptist Church, prepared by A. A. BENNETT and read by W. B. PARSHLEY.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. BENNETT for this valuable paper and it was

Resolved,—That Bro. BENNETT be asked to continue the preparation of the History of the Yokohama Field.

The Committee on the Examination and Recommendation of Men to the Home Board, C. H. D. FISHER, E. H. JONES and H. H. RHEES D. D., was reelected.

The report of the Committee on the Question of Missionary Salaries in Japan was presented by J. L. DEARING, as follows :—

Your Committee regret to report that owing to illness of the Chairman during the past month, when it was intended to complete the work of the Committee and to make up a report upon the same, the work assigned them has not been completed.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The Committee on Children's Day and Sunday Schools presented no report and was discontinued.

The following ladies were appointed a Committee on Sunday Schools to report at the next Conference :— Miss M. A. WHITMAN, Miss E. R. CHURCH, Mrs. C. H. D. FISHER.

At 12. M. adjourned till 2 P.M., after prayer by E. H. JONES.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION began at the appointed time with devotional exercises led by T. P. Poate.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School was presented by C. K. HARRINGTON, as follows :—

SECTION I.—The School opened Tuesday, October 13th, and is to close Monday, the 11th of April. The Christmas vacation extended from December 25th to January 4th, and from January 28th to February 9th school was suspended on account of the prevalence of small-pox in Yokohama at that time.

The number of students in attendance has been about the same as in former years. At the beginning of the term we could count eleven but before the Christmas vacation, three of them had been withdrawn from the school, one going to the Loo Choo Islands for evangelistic work, one to Tokyo to serve in the army, and one returning home to Yamaguchi Ken. This has left eight students to complete the work of the year.

Of the eleven students who entered the school this year (1891-1892) six may be said to belong to the Yokohama field, three to the Tokyo field, including Mito and Taira, one to Morioka and one to Chofu.

Of the eight who have continued throughout the year, one is in the fourth and last year of the course, three in the third year, three in the second and one in the first.

The teachers during the present school year have been Bro's BENNETT, C. K. HARRINGTON and F. G. HARRINGTON, the two former teaching as a regular thing, six hours each per week, and the last mentioned three hours. In most of the classes all the students have been together.

The work actually done or expected to be done before the close of the school year is as follows :—

Old Testament.—Outline of Old Testament History from the Creation to the Fall of Jerusalem ; Study of Period of Babylonian Exile (and of the Post-exilic Period ?) ; General study of the Books of Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Nahum and Daniel ; Special study of portions of Jeremiah (four and five hours per week,—all the students) ; For advanced students : The Times and Writings of Isaiah (two hours per week during last half of the year).

New Testament.—Hebrews and Timothy (four hours per week,—all the students).

Homiletics.—Instruction and practice in the preparation of sermons (two hours per week—all the students).

Church History.—From the time of the Apostles till the eleventh century ; the " History of the Baptists " by VEDDER being taken as a basis of study and other sources drawn from as required (three hours per week, all the students).

In addition to their class work, the students have taken part so far as was deemed possible or advisable, in mission work and have been so engaged with more on less frequency at the various mission stations in Yokohama, and at Hodogaya, Kawasaki, Chōgo, Kamimizu, and Haramachida, and at several places in Tokyo.

It might be added in this connection that a public examination in the New Testament Department was held on March 25th, which was very satisfactory, we believe, to those who were present. The remaining examinations, it is proposed to hold on Saturday, April 9th, and the closing exercises of the school, on the 11th. For special reasons which seemed satisfactory to the Board of Management, the school thus closes a month earlier than had been intended.

Section II. (A.)—As is known to most of the members of the Conference the teachers of the school, four years ago, drew up a course of study to extend over four years. These four years come now to a close, and the teachers, using the experience thus gained, have suggested to the Board of Trustees some modifications of that course, which thus modified has been adopted by the said Board as the "Course of Study" for the future.

First Year :—

Old Testament.—The Pentateuch	Four hours.
New Testament.—The Gospels	Four hours.
Theology	Two hours.
Homiletics	Two hours.
Church History	Three hours.

Second Year :—

Old Testament.—Joshua to II. Samuel, the Davidic Psalms	Four hours.
New Testament.—The Acts	Four hours.
Theology	Two hours.
Homiletics	Two hours.
Church History	Three hours.

Third Year :—

Old Testament.—I. Kings to II. Chronicles, and contemporaneous prophetic books	Four hours.
New Testament.—Romans or Corinthians	Four hours.
Theology	Two hours.
Homiletics	Two hours.
Church History	Three hours.

Fourth Year:—

Old Testament.—The historical and prophetical writings of the period of the exile and the post-exilic period	Four hours.
New Testament.—Hebrews and the Pastoral Epistles, or the Minor Epistles of Paul	Four hours.
Theology	Two hours.
Homiletics	Two hours.
Bible Antiquities	Two hours.
Church Polity	One hour.

In addition to this, we hope to have instruction provided upon "Duties of Evangelists and Pastors," partly by lectures given once or twice a month throughout the course by native pastors and others, to be supplemented, as far as may be necessary, by class work.

It is expected also to furnish the students an hour's training in vocal music each week. Special classes, especially in the Old and New Testaments will be arranged for such students as can take them in addition to the regular work.

The work mentioned under "Bible Geography" in the old course will be done in connection with the Old Testament Department, and is not mentioned as a separate branch.

It is intended to require students entering the school to be prepared to pass a suitable examination on some part of the Old and New Testaments,—say, for next fall, the book of Genesis in the Old and the Life of Christ in the New.

Perhaps it should be stated that hitherto, for the most part, the work has been so arranged that all the students in the school have formed one class. This is not of course the ideal method, but the small number of the students and the circumstances of the teachers have made it, and will make it, in a large degree, for some years to come, the only practicable one. The very apparent disadvantages of it are reduced to a minimum by various expedients which need not be enumerated here.

(B.)—The List of Teachers with their departments, as approved by the Board of Trustees is as follows:—

A. A. Bennett, Principal... New Testament, Theology Homiletics.
C. K. Harrington..... Old Testament, Church Polity.
F. G. Harrington..... Church History, Bible Antiquities.

Section III.—At a meeting of the Board of Management held February 24th, 1892, resolutions embodying the following motions were made, with

the intention that for the information of the Conference they be entered in the report to be laid before you.—

(*a*) That the regular course be four years, as heretofore.

(*b*) That the school year begin with the first Tuesday in October and close with the second Thursday in May, and that there be a Christmas vacation of ten or twelve days.

(*c*) That at the close of each school year public examinations be held, to be followed by public closing exercises.

(*d*) That to each student who completes the regular course satisfactorily there be granted a certificate of graduation.

(*e*) That no person shall be enrolled as a student within less than a year from the time of his becoming connected with an evangelical church, and that no person shall receive aid from the school funds till two years from the time of baptism.

(*f*) That the monthly allowance shall remain at five yen as heretofore.

SECTION IV.—A motion passed at the same meeting which calls for discussion and action :—

Resolved,—That we call the attention of the Conference to the unsafe and unsuitable condition of the building now used as a Theological School, and emphasize the fact, that unless the Board intends to take prompt action in reference to former resolutions regarding the Theological School, a new building will be necessitated.

This report having been adopted section by section and division by division was afterward adopted as a whole.

At 4.15 P.M., adjourned till 9.30 A.M., April 8th, after prayer by J. L. DEARING.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH.

The Conference met at 9.30 A. M. Devotional exercises were led by R. A. THOMSON.

Voted,—That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to reiterate the need of reenforcements in the Japan Mission,—this Committee to consist of three men and two women and to have power to act.

The Committee appointed was S. W. HAMBLEN, J.

C. Brand, R. A. Thomson, Miss M. A. Whitman, and Miss E. R. Church.

Voted.—To proceed to the election of the three members of the Board of Management of the Theological School, elected annually.

C. H. D. Fisher, R. A. Thomson and S. W. Hamblen were elected. They with the Faculty,—A. A. Bennett, C. K. Harrington and F. G. Harrington,—form the Board of Management for the ensuing year.

The following resolution, here, recorded in full by vote of the Conference, was then presented :—

Whereas, the building at present used by the Theological School in Yokohama is unsafe and unsuitable,

Resolved,—That this Conference request the Executive Committee, that if they cannot promptly accede to the former petition of the Conference in regard to the removal of the school to Tokyo, a sum of one thousand dollars be granted for the erection at No. 75, Bluff, Yokohama, of a building to serve the purpose of the school until the Executive Committee shall deem it wise to remove the school to Tokyo.

This resolution was not adopted but was amended to read as follows :—

Whereas, the building at present used by the Theological School in Yokohama is unsafe and unsuitable, and

Whereas, the former requests of this Conference regarding the removal of the Theological Seminary have not yet produced the desired effect, viz. the speedy carrying out of what we regard as a necessary advance in our work of theological instruction, therefore,

Resolved,—That we again impress upon the Executive Committee,

1st.—That in the opinion of a majority of this conference as well as that of the native Christians the removal to Tokyo of our Theological School is necessary to its success, and

2nd.—That as the present time seems inauspicious for the purchase of land, or for the erection of buildings out of foreign Concession, that a dormitory be erected for students on lot No. 42, Tsukiji, Tokyo, now occupied by Rev. J. C. Brand, and that the Executive Committee be requested to make a grant of one thousand dollars for that purpose.

Thus amended the resolution was adopted section by section, and as a whole, A. A. BENNETT, C. K. HARRINGTON and R. A. THOMSON requesting that their votes in the negative be placed on record.

The report of the Statistician was here made and accepted with the thanks of the Conference and with a vote that it be printed in the Minutes.*

The Financial Report of the Secretary was then made and accepted, and he was instructed to assess the annual tax upon all members of the Conference. He was also instructed to use the tax in defraying the expense of printing the Minutes of the present Conference and assess any deficit that may arise in the printing, upon the members of the Conference.

At 12 M., adjourned till 2 P. M., after prayer by G. W. TAFT.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION began at the appointed time with devotional exercises led by A. A. BENNETT.

Resolved,—That a committee consisting of A. A. BENNETT, R. A. THOMSON and Mrs. C. H. D. FISHER, be appointed to draw up resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Conference in the death of Mrs. ALLEN, and that the same be spread upon our records and a copy be forwarded to the family.

The following resolution was drawn up by this Committee :—

Resolution in regard to the death of Mrs. A. ALLEN of Glasgow, Scotland.

In as much as our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call home our sister Mrs. ALLEN, we, the Conference of Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan, desire to express our appreciation of her worth, and our condolence with those who mourn her loss. From many a land and many a sea have blessings been pronounced upon her name, the mention of which recalls to thousands a lady of perfect grace, and one whose life pulsated with love to God and man. We gratefully record that the act of her munificence by which evangelistic work was established in the

* This report will be found at the end of these Minutes.

Loo Choo Islands has already begun to bear fruit, and it may be that the angels who bore her spirit upward were joined on their homeward way by others with glad tidings, for the day of her departure for the better land was also the day of our first baptism in those islands.

The report of the committee appointed to report upon the advisability of missionaries securing money for the erection of church buildings was presented by T. P. POATE. It was referred back to the committee.

The report of the committee appointed to present a schedule of salaries for native workers and recommendations regarding the travelling expenses of the same was presented by E. H. JONES. It was referred back to the committee.

The report of the committee appointed to report upon the advisability of establishing a girl's school at Himeji was presented by R. A. THOMSON as follows:—

Your Committee would respectfully report that in their opinion the Conference is not in a position to know the real needs for a girls' school at Himeji and would suggest that the question be referred to the missionaries on that field, as was done in a former case.

This report was adopted.

The report of the Committee upon Bible Women's work was presented by Miss A. H. KIDDER. The following is a summary.

Miss MEAD of Sendai reports

three Bible women all of whom have daily lessons in the Scriptures. They are engaged in house to house work. More than fifty families are receiving regular instruction. All also hold Bible classes and conduct meetings for the instruction of Christian women and those who are seeking the way. One works especially among delinquent church members. One reports a good work in the country where she has recently gone. Three have been baptized and more are seeking baptism.

Miss KIDDER, of the Sarah Curtis Home, Tokyo, reports

four. Their mornings are devoted to Scripture study and recitation, and once a week, to a prayer and instruction meeting. Their afternoons are given to evangelistic work among the people. One has been labouring in Taira for six months.

Mrs. Brand of Tokyo reports

one, who works among Christian women, the parents of the Sunday School scholars and does evangelistic work among the masses. She holds meetings with Mrs. Brand, speaking to crowds of people who listen with respect and attention. Mrs. Brand much needs another Bible woman in her work.

Miss Phillips of Tokyo reports

two, who are under daily instruction. With them, since October 1st., five hundred houses have been visited, among which twenty six families now receive instruction willingly, and fifty meetings have been held at her evangelizing place. Lack of funds has hindered her work.

Miss Wilson of Yokohama reports

ten at the first of the year. One married an evangelist and a second is working with Miss Church of Himeji. Four are pursuing a four years Bible course and doing evangelistic work afternoons and evenings. Four are in country stations, coming in periodically for Bible study. Reports, verbal and written, of work done are required. As far as possible the women establish women's meetings and Sunday Schools. Two teach the Bible in the day school. Miss Wilson does much touring with the Bible women and finds her visits to be received with great favour by the Christians.

Mrs. Thomson of Kobe

has no Bible woman but does work among the women by the aid of a girl from the Congregational Girls' School. The need of Bible women in the Kobe field is great. In Himeji the increased interest among the women and the additions to the church show the benefit of woman's work.

Of working Bible women there are eighteen, all of whom assist in Sunday School work and in some instances carry on such schools by themselves. Their work has been owned and greatly blessed of the Lord. Most of them are above thirty years of age and in the opinion of the Committee, young women can not wisely do this work except in the company of a missionary. In making up this report, information from Shimonoseki and Chofu has not been available. The Committee suggests, that should the Conference desire reports of Bible women's work at its annual sessions, it make provision for their preparation before the opening of the meetings.

This report was accepted and it was,

Resolved,—That a committee of three be appointed from among those especially engaged in Bible women's work, who shall report ot our next Conference concerning that work for the year.

The Committee appointed was Miss A. H. KIDDER, Miss H. M. BROWNE and Miss N. J. WILSON.

The report of the Committee appointed to present some plan looking toward the equalization of the burden of conference expenses was presented by R. A. THOMSON, as follows :—

Your Committee would respectfully submit that in their estimation it is not advisable to adopt a method for equalizing the burden of the travelling expenses to conference meetings, and they would suggest that this Conference reiterate their request to the Executive Committee to pay the expenses of travel to the annual meetings.

This report was accepted and the suggestion adopted.

The report of the Committee upon the Time and Place of the next Conference was presented by R. A. THOMSON, as follows :—

Your Committee would report that they recommend that the next meeting of this Conference be held at Kobe, and that it meet the first Wednesday in April, 1893.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Secretary, in accordance with action taken by the Union Conference, was instructed to confer with the Committee of Arrangements of that Conference and with that Committee decide the time and place of its next annual meeting.

The Conference then listened to reports, presented at the request of the Executive Committee, from the Girls' Schools connected with the Mission. These reports are here summarized.

Miss MEAD reported

for the school in Sendai. About two years ago Miss FIFE and Miss PHILLIPS, feeling the need of efficient helpers in their work, conceived the idea of establishing a Christian Girls' Home School, in which those called of God to especially Christian work, might receive needed training, and those not so called might be the better prepared to take up the duties of Christian wives and mothers. Eleven pupils are now in attendance,—eight regular, and three Bible, students. Four of the regular students are too young to do Christian work, but are full of promise. The other four are in Sunday School work, having over seventy children under their especial tuition. The Bible students are doing Bible women's work. The course is equal to that of the Higher Grammar grade at home, and each week there are four hours of Bible recitation besides daily Scripture reading and prayer. There are three teachers,—two Japanese and one foreign.

Miss WHITMAN reported

for the Sarah Curtis Home, Tokyo. The reaction that is effecting all Christian schools for girls and the pressure of the Goverment upon all private schools have been felt. Fifty different pupils have been in attendance during the year. Three have been baptized. Five minute prayer meetings are held daily; school and household prayer meetings, each, once a week. The "International Lessons" are used for daily Bible study with written examinations once a month. Six of the girls are in Sunday School work and six of the former pupils are working with sister missionaries. A class for the instruction of women, of whom five are in attendance, meets four mornings each week. Three preaching and four teaching meetings each week, and on Sunday's five Sunday Schools and six preaching services, are maintained. Seven have been baptized from the evangelizing centers sustained by the school.

Miss CONVERSE reported

for the MARY L. COLBY HOME, Yokohama. The year, during which the School has moved into its new home recently finished, has been one of encouragement, witnessing a steady spiritual and intellectual growth. The end for which the school strives is the purpose which Mrs. ASHMORE had in founding it, namely, to give an education not for the sake of the education but for the sake of the opportunity to train the girls in every-day, practical Christianity and thus prepare them to exert a strong Christian influence wherever their lot may be cast. To this end the study of the Bible is made of supreme importance.

The school has three departments; the primary, four classes numbering thirty-nine; the grammar, two classes, twenty-two; and the higher, two classes, nine. One special student, studying the Bible and taking lessons on the organ, makes the total number seventy-one. Of these, thirty-two are boarding students, of whom sixteen are self-supporting, while but one is from a Christian family. Fees are, in general, paid promptly. For the last six months about 350 *yen* have been received from scholars. Besides a sewing teacher and a matron, there are six teachers, Miss CONVERSE, Miss CORNES, and four Japanese, three male and one female, all of whom are Christians. The average price paid for teachers per month, has been for the last six months 42 *yen* 52 *sen*. The course of study is modeled after that of the Government Schools. English is subordinate to Japanese.

Once each week, the teachers, and the scholars have their respective prayer-meetings at the same hour, and once a month they unite in a prayer-meeting. Once a month there is a special meeting of the Christians, of whom there are eight in the higher department, twelve in the grammar, and two in the primary,—a total of twenty-two. Six have been baptized and six have asked for baptism. Six girls are engaged in Sunday School work. Eleven teachers and scholars are doing evangelistic work on Sundays and the sewing teacher has a Friday afternoon meeting for women. There is moreover the constant seed sowing of letters and tracts sent to parents and friends. At least four of the teachers would doubtless sever their connection with the school did they not believe that they were aiding directly in evangelizing Japan.

Miss BLUNT after the close of the Conference sent the Secretary a report of the Chofu School which is here summarized:—

The school began April 1st. 1891, with two pupils. At the end of the year five were in attendance. At the beginning of the second year ten were enrolled, of whom five were boarding pupils. Four of the ten are Christians. The course of study is the result of an examination of the courses in the schools of Japan. The Bible is taught one and one half hours each week. Matthew and John have been studied. All the teachers and pupils attend these lessons. Morning prayers, at which the lessons have been in Genesis and Exodus, are attended by the household and, to a gratifying extent, by the day pupils, though optional with them. The girl's weekly prayer-meeting is optional, but always attended by all. Sunday mornings a Bible story told by the Japanese teacher takes the place of the regular morning prayer service, after which Church and Sunday School are attended. The girls of the boarding department commit each day a text of

Scripture, reciting them, together with the pastor's text of the previous Sunday, on Saturday evening. Much of the success of the school is due to SHIBAYAMA San, who, a graduate of the Sarah Curtis Home, Tokyo, is a living testimony of the patient and prayerful care of the teachers of that school.

The reports read before the Conference were accepted and it was

Resolved,—That the Principals of our four Girls' Schools, Miss KIDDER, Miss CONVERSE, Miss BLUNT and Miss MEAD, be a Committee, of which Miss KIDDER shall be Chairman, to report at our next Conference concerning the year's work in the schools.

The following resolution, here presented, was adopted.

Resolved,—That this Conference heartily approve of the publication of an illustrated edition of one of the Gospels as soon as the revision is ready for the press; that we join with our Publication Committee in requesting the publishers of Rev. C. R. BLACKALL's "Life and Words of Jesus," to assist us in our work of putting the Gospel into the hands of the Japanese in an interesting way, by contributing a number of selected illustrations from the above named book; and that we ask our Bro. BENNETT to put our request before the above named publishers during his visit in the home-land.

Voted,—At the request of Mr. THOMSON, that his paper prepared for this Conference, be postponed till such time as shall be named by the Executive Committee.

H. H. RHEES D.D. having, by letter, resigned his appointment to prepare a Historical Sketch of Baptist Work in Kobe and Western Japan, it was

Voted,—That he be requested to withdraw his resignation and prepare the paper.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange for reports of the general work of the Mission, to be given at the next Conference,—at least one report to be given from each station.

R. A. THOMSON here presented a communication from the Committee of the Central Japan Missionary Association regarding the proposed General Conference, stating the present condition of this movement and

asking that the Conference appoint one to represent the A.B.M.U. Mission upon the Committee of Arrangements. C. H. D. FISHER was appointed to this position.

The following vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

Resolved,—That we express our thanks to the ladies of the Mary L. Colby Home Yokohama, for the use of their building for our meetings, and to the friends in Yokohama, for their kind entertainment.

Voted,—That the adjournment be followed by a half hour prayer meeting led by J. C. BRAND.

At 4.15 P.M. the Conference adjourned according to the vote already taken.

In the meeting which followed, heart-felt thanks were given for the blessings attending our meetings, and our Bro. BENNETT, soon to start for the home-land, was especially remembered at the Throne of Grace. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present as He had been during all our meetings. We separated singing, not with our lips only, but in our hearts, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

At a social gathering in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DEARING the following was adopted:—

The Annual Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan, in session in Yokohama, send by Bro. A. A. BENNETT, greeting to the parent Society at its annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia in 1892. Yokohama, April 8th, 1892.

C. H. D. FISHER, President. S. W. HAMBLEN, Secretary.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE UNION CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

APRIL 5TH, 1892.

President	W. B. PARSHLEY.
Vice President	J. W. MCCOLLUM.
Secretary	S. W. HAMBLEN.
Committee of Arrangements	W. B. PARSHLEY. J. W. MCCOLLUM. S. W. HAMBLEN.
Committee on Publication	J. A. BRUNSON. J. L. DEARING. E. H. JONES.

In accordance with the vote taken by the Conference, the Committee of Arrangements decided that the next Annual Meeting be held in Kobe, the first Tuesday in April (April 4th), 1893.

MINUTES OF THE UNION CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

HELD IN YOKOHAMA, APRIL 5TH, 1892.

The Conference was called to order at 9.30 A.M. by President FISHER, and by him the opening devotional exercises were led.

The Minutes of the preceding Conference were adopted as printed.

The following officers were then elected.

President	W. B. PARSHLEY.
Vice President	J. W. MCCOLLUM.
Secretary	S. W. HAMBLEN.
Committee of Arrangements for next Conference	W. B. PARSHLEY. J. W. MCCOLLUM. S. W. HAMBLEN.

J. L. DEARING reported in behalf of the Publication Committee that nothing had arisen calling for action by it. The report was accepted and the committee continued.

The report made by G. W. TAFT regarding the financial condition of *Karashi Dane* was accepted and after some discussion it was

Voted,—That *Karashi Dane* be discontinued until the next Conference.

A. A. BENNETT presented the following report regarding religious publications during the year :—

The Committee appointed to collect data respecting religious publications would respectfully report that efforts were made to collect full particulars concerning religious publications in the vernacular for the year 1891. In

answer to a request kindly printed in "*Missionary Tidings*," and to a large number of written requests, a certain amount of information was received. It is very incomplete and is thought to be otherwise defective in including some books previously printed reprints of which were made that year and others prepared within the year here supposed to be reported but not actually published until the present year. It is hoped however that this list may open the way for better ones in the future.*

This report was accepted and A. A. BENNETT and F. G. HARRINGTON were appointed to collect these data the ensuing year.

Voted,—That the Author of the report and the Secretary make an abstract of the report for the Minutes unless it is printed in another form.

G. W. TAFT, T. P. POATE and C. H. D. FISHER were, appointed a Committee to present to the Conference, for adoption, resolutions regarding the proposed General Conference of Missionaries in Japan, in 1893.

The next half hour was devoted to a discussion upon "The Licensing of Native Christians to preach."

At 12 M., the Conference adjourned till 2 P.M., after prayer by C. K. HARRINGTON.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION began at the appointed hour. Devotional exercises were led by J. C. BRAND.

The report of the Committee appointed to present to the Conference, for adoption, resolutions regarding the proposed General Conference of Missionaries in Japan, in 1893, was presented by G. W. TAFT as follows :—

Resolved,—That inasmuch as the Central Missionary Conference of Japan has called for a General Conference of the missionaries connected with the evangelical bodies, during the year 1893, we most heartily endorse the project, and nominate Rev. C. H. D. FISHER, of Tokyo, to represent us on the Committee of Arrangements.

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* The list may be found at the close of the Minutes.

This resolution was adopted, and Mr. FISHER appointed in accordance with its recommendation.

Here some time was used in discussion regarding the baptism of candidates in districts where no churches exist, and regarding the baptism of those, whom churches, after examination, will not receive.

Voted,—That the courtesies of the Conference be extended to visiting brethren, DAVID DOWNIE D.D., of the A. B. M. U. Mission in India, and Rev. Mr. SANFORD, of the Canadian Baptist Mission in India.

The Conference then listened to an exceedingly interesting and profitable paper prepared and read by Miss A. H. KIDDER upon the "Work of JAMES HOPE AUTHUR in Japan."* The paper was followed by tributes to the memory of Mr. AUTHUR from those who had known him, among which may be especially mentioned that of Mr. SANFORD, a classmate of Mr. AUTHUR in the Theological Seminary, who, providentially entered the Conference just before the reading of the paper began.

The Conference extended Miss KIDDER a vote of thanks for preparing the paper, and it was

Voted,—That the paper be printed and bound in with the Minutes.

H. H. RHEES D. D., having, by letter, resigned his appointment to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Dr. NATHAN BROWN, it was

Voted,—That he be requested to withdraw his resignation and prepare the paper.

Voted,—That the Committee of Arrangements consult with a Committee of the A. B. M. U. Mission Conference, and decide with that Committee the time and place of the next Union Conference.

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* The paper will be found at the close of these Minutes.

Voted,—That the Minutes of the Conference be printed with the Minutes of the A. B. M. U. Mission Conference.

The following resolution was here adopted :—

Resolved,—That the Conference express its regret at the absence of the Brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its joy in the success attending their work.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following Programme of Exercises for the next Conference.

I.—Papers by J. A. BRUNSON, and E. H. JONES, in regard to special lines of Christian work called for by events transpiring during the year,—these papers to be submitted for discussion.

II.—Report regarding religious publications of the year by A. A. BENNETT and F. G. HARRINGTON, as voted by the Conference.

III.—The devotion of at least half an hour to the discussion of the best solution of practical difficulties in mission work.

IV.—A paper upon "What more can we do to deepen the missionary interest in our home churches ?," by J. W. MCCOLLUM, and one upon "What more can we do to deepen the piety of our own native churches ?," by T. E. SHOEMAKER. The matter of the discussion of these papers shall be referred to the Conference at the time of reading.

V.—Brief Biographical Sketches of Dr. NATHAN BROWN, by H. H. RHEES D.D., and of Bro. CARPENTER by W. B. PARSHLEY.

This report was adopted and the men therein named appointed to the work assigned them.

After a vote of thanks to the Entertainers of the Conference an adjournment was voted at 4 P.M. The closing prayer was offered by R. A. THOMSON.

W. B. PARSHLEY, President.

S. W. HAMBLEN, Secretary.

STATISTICS, FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

NAME OF STATION.	Number of Missionaries.	Organized Churches.	Out Stations.	Self-supporting Churches.	Baptized in 1891.	Recd. by Letter.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	Boys' Schools.	Girls' Schools.	Pupils.	Day Schools.	Pupils.	Sunday Schools.	Pupils.	Theo. School.	Students.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Schools for Bible Women.	No. of Bible Women.
Yokohama	12	3	13	1	43		4	56	1	5	318		1	71	1	25	7	170	1	10	1	6	1	9
Tokyo	11	4			74		1			3	239		1	50	1	31	9	330			1	13	1	11
Kobe	5	2	6		29	2			4		154				1	25	7	200			1	6		1
Sendai	5	2	7	1	43	1			6	4	230		1	8			4	130				4	1	4
Shimonoseki ..	2	1	16		36					1	119		1		1	62	8	206			1	5	1	3
Morioka.....		1			6				1		37						2	69				4		1
Mito		1	2		3						32											2		
Taira.		1	3		1						58										1			
Tochigi		1	2		7						75										1	2		
Chōfu.....	1																							
Nemuro	4	1	1		9					1	17				1	26	4	114				1		
TOTAL	44	18	50	2	251	3	5	56	12	14	1279		4	129	5	169	41	1249	1	10	6	43	4	29

JAMES HOPE ARTHUR.*

By Miss A. H. Kidder.

James Gilmore Arthur and Marian Gow, married in Portobello, Scotland, came soon after to America and settled in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Arthur was a builder, and a bridge in his adopted city still gives proof of his honest superintendence. He was a man of enthusiastic religious nature, accepting the belief of the speedy coming of Christ, and when his first-born came, in June, 1842, took him out under the open heavens and consecrated him to God, naming him James Hope, for certainly, in this child's life-time, he trusted Christ would come again. Nevertheless the prayer of consecration was heard, for this boy bore the sword against slavery in the United States' civil war, and in manhood, the "Sword of the Spirit" against sin at home and heathenism abroad.

James Hope studied in the common and high-schools of his native city. At thirteen, his mother died, and sometime afterward his father, too, was taken, leaving him and his sister in the care of their step-mother, a thrifty Scotch woman. At eighteen years of age he entered the Seventh Connecticut Regiment of volunteers. The first year and a half of service was spent at Tybee, Port Royal, and Morris Island. This season was specially marked only by lonely night watches on guard, incessant drill, constant labor in storm and sunshine, cold and heat. He was present at the taking of Fort Pulaski, and seated on a spiked cannon wrote a letter home enclosing a piece of Confederate bunting torn off by Union guns. Some one tells of his reading Pilgrim's Progress to the boys in camp on Sunday evenings. He was wounded one night while out on picket, and taken prisoner to Libby, where hunger, thirst, and other prison sufferings were his for a

* For material in making this paper, the writer, is much indebted to Mrs. Arthur Mason's "Etchings in Two Lands."

number of months. Though death released many a comrade around him, he was spared to "Fight the good fight of faith," to overcome, and be crowned with everlasting victory. His chaplain, Dr. H. L. Wayland, says of him: "I noticed him at prayer-meetings, and all who knew him remarked his uniform cheerfulness, his fidelity, and exemplary character, which shone all the more bright amid the trials of an army life, and there was not a more conscientious soldier among the great army that marched into history and immortality."

He had promised while in the army that if God should return him in safety he would become a soldier of the Cross. Under Dr. Turnbull's pastorate, and the evangelistic labors of Dr. A. B. Earle, he felt that the time had come to redeem his promise, which he did after several hours' struggle alone in his room. Thus was fulfilled the consecration his father made twenty-one years before. That evening, in the prayer-meeting Arthur made his decision public. He was baptized December 9, 1863, by Dr. Turnbull, and received into the First Baptist Church of Hartford. His Christian life seemed to be a joyful going on "From strength to strength."

He prepared for college at the Suffield Literary Institute, was graduated from Brown University, at Providence, in 1870, and from Newton Theological Seminary in 1873. He was ordained in Hart-ford in July that same year, being at the time under appointment of the American Baptist Missionary Union for service in Japan.

While in College he labored successfully in the India Point Mission, besides doing some special work for the then Third Church. During his course at Newton, he was about his "Father's business," many to this day testifying with gratitude that he was one of the strong helpers in the Baptist work at Everett. The writer has heard him say that while in the Seminary feeling that the claims of the foreign field ought to be answered by the going of many from his class, he was ashamed to say "Go," but could in all good conscience urge "Come!"

He was married on the eighteenth of June 1873, to a lady of lovely Christian character and earnest missionary spirit Clara, daughter of Deacon Mason of Eastport, Maine, noted among those with whom he sojourned as living the religion he professed. Mrs. Arthur was left motherless while very young.

At the Annual meeting of the Missionary Union that year, Deacons Esty, of Brattleboro, Vermont, and Mial Davis, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, pledged to support Mr. and Mrs. Arthur that year, so that there might be no delay in their departure. They sailed from San Francisco, October 1st 1873 in the S. S. *Alaska*, noted for comfortable quarters, and long voyages, though this was of reasonable length, for they anchored in Yokohama Bay, October 26th. The Baptist missionaries then on this field were, Rev. Dr. Nathan and Mrs. Brown, and Rev. Jonathan and Mrs. Goble. The latter were dismissed from the service of the Union that year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur commenced house-keeping shortly after their arrival, in a house that stood on the No. 67, lot. Matsumoto San, among the first baptized by Dr. Brown,—afterward unfaithful—was Mr. Arthur's first teacher. Here, our missionary taught an English class evenings, visited the sick in the foreign hospital, "held meetings on board the ships in the harbor, and was active in temperance work."

His ardent desire, communicated to Dr. Murdock before leaving home, was to plant a Baptist church in Tokyo, and to see native helpers, evangelists, preachers and missionaries working "everywhere, the Lord working with them." They moved to Tokyo in June 1874, living as guests of the Hon. Arinori Mori, at No. 12, Tokugawa Cho, their permission of residence being long delayed. While stopping here a boy twelve years old playing with some children near their door, ordered a little girl to do something which she refused, when he struck her with a knife and then undertook to kill himself. The girl, supposed to be dying, was taken into their house. Among the crowd that this occurrence brought together was the chief of police, who, until then, did not know of foreigners living there. They were, of course, ordered into Concession. The Tsukiji Hotel, long since gone to ashes, was their next resort. Rumor told anything but pleasant tales about this house and its keepers—an English woman and her dwarf sister. Board was two dollars and a half a day, food miserable, rooms and bedding damp, and gamblers and other wicked men made it their nightly rendezvous. Feeling that they could not live thus they obtained rooms in a private residence—Dr. Palm's, No. 49, I think. But the rainy season was on them, and so damp were their

quarters that their shoes moulded standing over night. I do not know how long they were here, but finally their security came announcing that official permission of residence had been given, so they returned to Tokugawa Cho. There was a busy street in front, a stagnant moat at the rear, and the well from which they obtained water was surrounded by uncemented ditches through which numerous families filtered their drainage. Mr. Arthur became ill, and the physician advising a journey to the country, in July, they went to Hakone. They started in the afternoon, leaving the cars at Kanagawa and spending that night in Fujisawa, and the following at Odawara, from where they were taken in Kagos to Hakone. No bread, milk, fruit, meat, fish nor vegetables could then be obtained at this summer resort, and canned food composed their daily rations, Here, when strength was returning, they with other missionaries went up to the temple of Gongen and made the hills resound to "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Some native evangelist, I think of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, told to a company of pilgrims who stopped on their way from Fujisan, the story of Christ and His love for men. One of these declared he believed, but he was never heard of afterward. This was one of two cases of which I have heard Mr. Arthur speak of persons believing the first time they heard. After six weeks, health seemed to be assured and our missionaries returned to Tokyo, but living with health in Tokugawa Cho being out of the question, search for safer residence began, and ended in Mr. Mori's offer to put up a house for them on his lot at 22 Suzuki Cho, Suruga Dai. On these premises, the gate-house only was standing, and this to use Mr. Mori's words—was scarce fit for a dogkennel, but with paint, paper and glass soon took on a human-habitation look, and here Mr. Arthur spent the winter of 1874-1875, teaching classes of boys, studying the language, and overseeing the building of the bungalow, now standing, but in a state of ruin. In the spring of 1875, regular classes for boys were discontinued, the move into the foreign house was made, and a girls' school begun, by which residence papers were obtained. A few hymns, and the Gospel of Mark by Dr. Brown, and Luke's Gospel by the Society had been translated, so helpers, servants and neighbors were invited to come together for morning worship, and later on, to a service on Lord's Day.

In the autumn of this year, their eldest son, James Hope, was born. Mr. Arthur, following his father's example, took him out under the star-lit heavens, in this heathen land, and gave him to God. This boy is with his aunt in Providence, has become a Christian, and says he shall be a missionary like his father.

Mrs. Arthur had obtained from our Woman's Board support for a Bible-woman, and undertook to make one out of a person Mr. Mori considered suitable material, but providentially she ran away, and about this time Uchida San, having lost her husband and three children, finding that no peace came when she prayed to her idols, went to Dr. Thompson who had recently received her mother into his church, and he, generous then as now, sent her to Mr. Arthur near whom she lived. In her was found one whose heart the Lord had prepared to seek and find Him. That autumn she desired to follow Christ and asked to "enter this religion." The questions to be asked at her examination were made out beforehand with the native teacher, a Buddhist,—Harakawa San—and when she was to relate her experience he sat at her elbow telling her what he had learned as correct answers, so anxious was he that the Japanese part should be well performed. This same teacher used to stop and try to convince Mr. Arthur what doctrines were suitable for his people. Once, in particular, he was quite unwilling to have the sentence, "All men are by nature sinners" written, repeatedly assuring his Sensei that though the *bun* was correct, the statement was untrue, for the fact was, that children were pure but sinned as they grew older. He would never correct his teacher if by any possibility he could make out what had been said, and when he would be found saying in a different way sentences he had allowed to pass unchallenged, his only reply would be praise of his teacher's ability. This, with much other up-hill work, led Mr. Arthur to say that he had learned what he had "in spite of his teachers."

The Kanda river which flows between Suruga Dai and Hongo was our first baptistery, and into this were led, from time to time, sixteen professing faith in the living Christ. Mr. Arthur with his own hands made a safe way down the steep embankment, and in this stream on November 6th 1875, the first Japanese woman, Uchida Hama, known to have received Christian baptism, was buried with Christ, from this grave to rise and work with

her risen Redeemer. Mrs. Arthur, Dr. and Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. and Miss Verbeck, Mrs. Brand, Mrs. MacArthur and the writer were the foreign witnesses of this beautiful sight. The school girls, and a few who had been coaxed to come together, stood with us on the south bank, while over on the Hongo side, in the street, crowds of passers-by stopped to gaze at the strange scene. In services of special worship, Mr. Arthur's face took on a rapt expression that looked as though he had come from a better country and was hastening to return: Those who saw him for the first time as he administered this ordinance noticed this, and one said, "He looks too heavenly to stay here."

Mr. Arthur's teacher and security had troubled him exceedingly because great things in the line of school-work were not accomplished, and the contest finally became so sharp that they parted, and the residence papers were returned to the government, and a lawyer whose only seeming ambition was to make money then became security for pay. The servants caught the dissatisfaction and left, one after the other, to attend the funerals of aged relatives; and a new relay only faithfully did what their predecessors had performed. I well remember the evening after Mr. Arthur and I had been to Mrs, Churchill's funeral. On returning home we found the servants all gone, the house cold and cheerless, a cold supper, looking frozen from the way it was put on the table, and Mrs. Arthur, holding her little son and recounting the day's trials. Mr. Arthur dropped on the floor saying, "All these things are against me." These hard experiences, together with Mr. Arthur's failing health, helped them to decide to remove to Yokohama, January 17th 1876, where they lived with Miss Sands. During this winter the Sabbath school, begun the previous autumn was kept up—I don't know how; but people doubtless came from curiosity to hear the strange singing, the reading from the foreigner's Seisho, and to unite in the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Poate, then teaching in the Tokyo Eigo Gakko, began to preach in Japanese, and kindly gave us one sermon every Sunday; and, from time to time the Japanese boys, at work in Dr. Brown's printing office, would appear desiring to preach; Suto San became very angry because he was not allowed to preach from Wilson's Reader. As he told Dr. Brown afterward, that he was going to discourse about the Flood it seemed during our years of waiting for the Seminary, hearing Parley's

History served up in sermons, as if the care-taker might have looked into the matter a little more closely, and allowed the account of the Deluge to have been rehearsed.

On the 14th of May 1876, the First Baptist Church of Tokyo was organized with five members; three were baptized that day, and the woman, baptized the autumn before, and a young man came from the Yokohama church, by letter. The names of these first members, written in Japanese by themselves are appended to the church covenant, translated by Mr. Arthur, and now at the Sarah Curtis Home. On the 23rd of this month Mr. and Mrs. Arthur returned to Tokyo. From this time the Sabbath was fully occupied, commencing with Sunday-school, followed with a sermon by Mr. Arthur. In the afternoon some of the native brethren spoke—they all wanted to in those early days—and at four o'clock, we often went to hold meetings at Samisen Bori where lived the Chinese teacher, afterwards converted, and baptized by Mr. Arthur. There was another preaching service at seven in the evening. At both of these services Mr. Arthur preached. If the places he opened could have been held, we should now have churches at Suruga Dai, Shitaya, Asakusa, Hongo, Nishiki Cho and Koishikawa.

Two whom Mr. Arthur was permitted to baptize have been ordained to preach the Gospel—our brethren Toriyama and Suzuki—and are now giving proof of their ministry. Three have been Bible women, all known and loved "for their works'" sake, two being now with us; one went years ago to receive her "well done" from the Master.

Toward the spring of 1877, Mr. Arthur with his family again went to Yokohama—to No. 75 Bluff—hoping to regain his fast waning strength, but as the weeks wore on, and his voice was reduced to a whisper, there seemed no other way but to decide to go to the home-land and try if health could there be found.

While in Yokohama their second son, Russell, was born.

Mr. Arthur returned to Suruga Dai for one last Sabbath, to examine one of the school girls for whom he had often prayed, to lead her into the baptismal waters, and to administer the Lord's Supper to the little band of weeping disciples. I went to his door to ask what we should sing, not knowing that he was at prayer. He rose from his knees and said, "Let us have joyful, glad hymns

to-day." This time the baptism was in a neatly cemented baptistery in the yard—the careful and kindly work of the two Poate brothers. The water was so placid that to us looking in, and seeing the tree-tops and far off sky mirrored there, those who went down into the water following their Lord seemed to the beholders to be going beyond the clouds to the sky, and when the waters moved, for the instant, as if the heavens would receive them. Always beautiful at these services Mr. Arthur looked that day, not of earth, but like a heavenly messenger sent to rescue one more of Japan's lost children. He left a church of nineteen members, eighteen of whom he had baptized. Eight of these have been excluded, one is now walking disorderly, four have died, three of whom gave good evidence of an "abundant entrance," one is active in all the church work, and five are engaged in special Christian labor.

On the 26th of May 1877 in the S. S. City of Pekin Mr. Arthur with his family sailed for San Francisco. In sixteen days the Golden Gate Harbor was reached. So ardently did he love his country that he could not sleep the night before, watching to catch the first glimpse of his native land. In just six months he anchored in the port of his true father-land; and another who was true to his fellowmen, his country, and his Lord entered in "to go no more out forever."

It seems to some who saw him labor "in season, out of season," all the week and on Lord's Day, that he broke himself down, but others who knew him well felt that he realized that what he did must be done quickly for his working time was short. He had no lack of the trials of the beginner in a new field; behind these, nine years of hard study and missionary work in his own land, and in the rear of these three, years of hardship in camp, battle, on picket, in prison and hospital. The comforts that we have gathered around us, and that others have made for us, in dictionaries, grammars, hymn-books, a translated Bible, and something of Christian literature; in teachers, Christians who know something of what it is to be loyal to Christ, and homes builded, or those who will give us kindly advice in building, were lacking in those early days.

Mr. Arthur felt the influence of young Japan's smartness as well as we who live in Sōshi times. Once, some of the young men guessed to a dollar his appropriation for work, and went to him informing him of the wisest way to spend

such an amount, adding that if he did not conform to their plans they would leave his church and start one for themselves. In his bodily weakness he walked the floor studying how to meet this. The race of such then, as now, was short, and before Dr. Rhees came to Tokyo the church took from them the hand of fellowship.

When I think of the hindrances he had in studying the language, in books, time, and the environments of his home, I am amazed at the progress he made. His catechism was used till, a few years ago, when a new edition was needed it was revised by Dr. Rhees. His helper in this work was far from being a scholar or teacher, and farther from being a good man. From those who heard Mr. Arthur pray in this language, I know he had more than common freedom, and of this I cannot wonder when I remember to have known of his walking his room pleading, "Lord teach me to pray." We often ask in a blind way why he could not have been spared to guide and guard our work under the "Elder Shepherd? As his earnest gaze selected the needy spots in Tokyo, so he scanned the Empire and often spoke of desiring workers for Hakodate, Sendai, the cities of the south, Shimonoseki and the west. Every toiler in the Lord's vineyard had his God-speed, and so earnestly did he long for the Gospel to be preached that he used to urge on every missionary,—man and woman,—this duty, for, was not the "Harvest great" and "the Labourers few"!

His influence still remains in the church. One remembers and follows his last commission, to "labor for the Baptist church"; another always reads with special enterest Paul's sermon on Mar's Hill, because Arthur kiyoshi explained it to her; and another, severe and domineering in his old samurai nature, shows to this day in a little wave of his hat, the politeness he learned from Arthur sensei, and all sing with special joy, "Waretaru iwa yo," for Mr. Arthur took special pains to make it plain to them. One dear, old pilgrim went to Heaven more joyfully knowing that her sensei had gone before her.

Mr. Arthur was earnest, active, quick, sympathetic, loving, patient—a Christian gentleman always and everywhere. He was one of those who helped form the first missionary conference in Tokyo, whose members he loved and by whom he was beloved.

He was so generous he would not speak of pain and

anxiety for himself, and the writer does not know of his speaking of leaving earth till the Thanksgiving before his departure. When the death of Dr. Turnbull was announced, he said, "I shall soon see him." After this his bodily decline was rapid, but his soul rose and exulted in the light of Heaven that poured into its life. He stood looking back at us who were to remain and work, and in love sent clear messages. Looking over the River he saw glory unutterable. Speaking to Mrs. Arthur he said, "Never have any more doubts about dying, for, if this is death it is glory!" On the 9th of December 1877, at the rising of the sun, his spirit was freed to be "Forever with the Lord." In resignation, because we know God's ways are right, we say, "Amen, so let it be." His grave is in Newton, Massachusetts, with that of his second son who entered Heaven just three weeks after his father. Mrs. Arthur took both of their bodies with her on her journey to her New England home, from Oakland, California. His grave is decked with chaplets of flowers every year by comrades and those who honour Union soldiers' graves. We honour him as one who "Fought the good fight, finished his course, kept the faith" and received his crown. Servant of Christ, well done!

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The writer desires to express his thanks to all who kindly assisted him in collecting the data given below, and to let them have the advantage, so far as it may be such to them, of the limited information he has been able to obtain. He cannot vouch for completeness in any respect, and is fully aware of incompleteness in some; but with the hope that the present list may open the way for better ones in the future, he ventures to offer it for print. The knowledge of what works have been issued, or are ready for publication, will be of service to those who would make the best use of current literature, and to those, too, who would be glad to contribute something in this line if they were sure that their efforts would not be unwisely spent. Moreover. some good books or tracts, issued by individuals or by missions, but not advertised, may be long unknown to the missionary body at large. The editor of the MISSIONARY TIDINGS has kindly consented to allow space for the mention, monthly, of new publications, and to prepare the monthly report of such matter, if duly brought to his notice. Will not all missionaries kindly bear this in mind, and send prompt notice of each new book, tract, and periodical of a religious nature, published by themselves, or the native brethren of their mission?

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CHIKARA ARU INORI (Prevailing Prayer).
OLD, OLD STORY.
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PASTOR'S WELCOME.
SYMBOLS OF TRUTH, SIX TRACTS.

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GOKYO and VARIOUS S. S. HELPS. By the M. E. Church.
KIRISUTO SHIMBUN and ROKUGO ZASSHI. By the Congregational Church.
KARASHI DANE. By the Baptist Church.
THE CHRISTIAN. By the Disciples.
KIRISUTOKYO ZASSHI. Church of England.
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SCRIPTURE MONTHLY, &c. By the Scripture Union.
TEMPERANCE MAGAZINE. By the Temperance Society.
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